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Illinois. }

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By the Commission:

**I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND**

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois ("ATXI") filed its Petition herein on November 7, 2012 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act, and an Order pursuant to Section 8-503 of the Public Utilities Act. ATXI elected to file its Petition pursuant to 220 ILCS 5/8-406.1, expedited procedure, which provides in relevant part as follows: "The Commission shall issue its decision with findings of fact and conclusions of law granting or denying the application no later than 150 days after the application is filed." Based on the foregoing, this matter is bound by certain time constraints.

Many interested parties filed Petitions to Intervene in this matter. Discovery was conducted through a cooperative effort of the parties. Evidentiary hearings were held herein from May 13 - 17, 2013. Initial Briefs were simultaneously filed by the parties on June 3, 2013. Reply Briefs were simultaneously filed by the parties on June 10, 2013.

**II. RELEVANT STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

220 ILCS 5/8-406.1  
220 ILCS 5/8-503

### **III. STATUTORY PREHEARING REQUIREMENTS**

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### **IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY PURSUANT TO EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

220 ILCS 5/8-406.1(f) directs that the Commission grant the requested certificate of public convenience and necessity if the following criteria are met:

“(1) That the Project is necessary to provide adequate, reliable, and efficient service to the public utility's customers and is the least-cost means of satisfying the service needs of the public utility's customers or that the Project will promote the development of an effectively competitive electricity market that operates efficiently, is equitable to all customers, and is the least cost means of satisfying those objectives.

(2) That the public utility is capable of efficiently managing and supervising the construction process and has taken sufficient action to ensure adequate and efficient construction and supervision of the construction.

(3) That the public utility is capable of financing the proposed construction without significant adverse financial consequences for the utility or its customers.”

### **V. COMMISSION ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS**

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### **VI. FINDINGS AND ORDERING PARAGRAPHS**

The Commission, having reviewed the entire record, is of the opinion and finds that:

#### Route Segment: Sidney – Rising

For the route segment of the Project from Sidney to Rising, Illinois, the Commission finds that, of the viable routing options presented to the Commission for consideration, the route referred to as the proposed Primary Route presents the best choice based on the following criteria: (1) length of the line, (2) difficulty and cost of construction, (3) difficulty and cost of operation and maintenance, (4) environmental impacts, (5) impacts on historical resources, (6) social and land use impacts, (7) number of affected landowners and other stakeholders and proximity to homes and other structures, (8) proximity to existing and planned development, (9) community acceptance, (10) visual impact, and (11) presence of existing corridors.

Based on the forgoing, it is ordered that ATXI shall construct the segment of the Project from Sidney

to Rising, Illinois, in keeping with the site specifications presented by the route referred to as the proposed Primary Route.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, subject to the provisions of Section 10-113 of the Public Utilities Act and 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200.880, this Order is final; it is not subject to the Administrative Review Law.

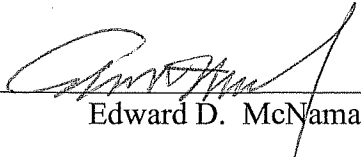
By order of the Commission this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

(SIGNED)

Chairman

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Edward D. McNamara, Jr., an attorney, hereby certifies that he served copies of the foregoing Proposed Order on the individuals shown on the attached Service List, via electronic mail, on June 10, 2013.

  
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